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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 8564

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REFUSAL GOL ACCEPT LANDING ISRAELI CITIZENS LEBANON

1. ONLY SERIOUS PROBLEM EMBASSY EXPERIENCED IN JULY 23 CYPRUS EVACUATION TO BEIRUT WAS ISRAELI CITIZEN AND ANOTHER PERSON WITH DUAL NATIONALITY. DCM DISCUSSED MATTER AT LENGTH WITH BOUTROS DIB, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR, AND COL. JULES BOUSTANY, CHIEF OF ARMY SECURITY. AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH DIB.

2. AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION WAS THAT GOL TECHNICALLY ARREST TWO MEN AND EXPEL FROM COUNTRY ON FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORT. DIB REPLIED THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE AS RESULT OF COURT ACTION AND UNLESS SITUATION WAS DESPERATE, GOL WOULD BE OBLIGED ARREST ISRAELI CITIZENS AND HAVE

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THEM APPEAR BEFORE A COURT. CONSEQUENTLY, BOTH PERSONS

INVOLVED REMAINED ON SHIP AND RETURNED TO CYPRUS.

3. WE REPEAT RECOMMENDATION IN BEIRUT 8399 THAT
NO ISRAELI CITIZENS BE EVACUATED TO BEIRUT. LEBANESE SIMPLY
WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM AT THIS JUNCTURE AND THESE PERSONS
WOULD JEOPARDIZE STATUS BEIRUT AS SAFEHAVEN.
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